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Dublin Caſtle, October 17.

THIS Day the Parliament having met according to the laſt Prorogation, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the Houſe of Peers; and being ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Ceremony, his Excellency ſent for the Commons, and directed them to chuſe a Speaker; and they having unanimouſly elected the Right Hon. John Ponſonby, Eſq; into that Office, he was by them preſented, and was approved by his Excellency: And then his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houſes.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with particular Satisfaction that in Obedience to His Majeſty's Commands, I meet the firſt Parliament, limited in Duration, that ever aſſembled in this Kingdom.

I am confident that you are come together with the juſteſt Sentiments of Duty and Affection to our moſt excellent Sovereign, who has gratified the earneſt Wiſhes of His faithful Subjects of Ireland with that great Improvement of their Conſtitution.

I flatter myſelf that the Proteſtant Intereſt has already found the happy Effects of it; and that the many gracious Marks which you have experienced of His Majeſty's paternal Regard, will animate your Deliberations, and direct them to all ſuch Meaſures, as may ſecure to you the Bleſſings you enjoy.

Since the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, the Royal Family has been encreaſed by the Birth of another Princeſs; Intereſted as you are in the Happineſs of His Majeſty, and of His illuſtrious Houſe, you will receive, with the ſincereſt Pleaſure, a Communication of ſo joyful an Event.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Accounts and Eſtimates to be laid before you, and doubt not you will make every neceſſary Proviſion for the Honor of His Majeſty's Government, and the Safety and Welfare of this Kingdom.

I am extremely happy to inform you that the Exigencies of Government have required only a very moderate Uſe to be made of that confidential Credit which was granted by the laſt Parliament, and I truſt you will always find, on my Part, the ſame Attention to Public Œconomy.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

As the wiſeſt Nations have ever deemed Times of Peace the beſt Seaſon for improving their Civil Polity, and providing for their Security, I recommend it to you not to neglect the preſent favorable Opportunity.

The Strength and Riches of a Country are in Proportion to the Number of its induſtrious Inhabitants; and as a Religious and Virtuous Education is the ſureſt Guide to Induſtry and good Morals, you will not be unmindful of that uſeful and charitable Inſtitution, the Proteſtant Charter Schools; you will conſider the Original Deſign, and great End of them: You will obſerve whether their Courſe correſponds with their firſt Plan, and you will correct any Defects which Experience may point out to you.

The Linen Manufacture is an Object that will always engage your utmoſt Attention; I ſee with the trueſt Pleaſure that Source of Opulence daily extending itſelf over this Kingdom: Be it your Care to preſerve it in full Credit, and that neither Fraud or Negligence, which have ſo often proved fatal to the moſt flouriſhing Branches of Commerce and Manufacture, be ſuffered to defeat this National Acquiſition.

I muſt recommend to your moſt ſerious Conſideration, what further Laws may be neceſſary to prevent the pernicious Practice of the clandeſtine Running of Goods.—The great Lengths to which it has been carried of late, and the Obſtruction which the Revenue Officers frequently meet with in the Execution of their Duty, require ſome effectual Remedy.—The Suppreſſion of theſe Abuſes will have a double Effect, as, at the ſame Time that it increaſes the publick Stock and national Strength, it will afford a juſt and equitable Aſſiſtance to the honeſt Citizen and fair Trader.

In theſe and in all your Conſultations, I am perſuaded you will proceed with that Unanimity and Wiſdom, which Matters of ſuch high Importance require.—You cannot fail by ſuch Conduct to meet with His Majeſty's moſt favorable Countenance and Approbation; and you may in every Thing rely on my beſt Aſſiſtance, not only from the Duty I owe to the King, but from the ſincere Affection which I bear to this Kingdom.

Dublin Caſtle, October 19.

The Houſes of Lords and Commons having unanimouſly reſolved upon humble Addreſſes to His Majeſty, the ſame, together with Addreſſes from both Houſes to the Lord Lieutenant, were this Day preſented to his Excellency, and, with his Excellency's Anſwers, are as follow:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to approach your Throne, with our grateful Acknowledgment, of the many ineſtimable Bleſſings which we have enjoyed during your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Reign.

Permit us to aſſure your Majeſty, that we are come together with the juſteſt Sentiments of Duty and Affection to your Majeſty, who has gratified the earneſt Wiſhes of your faithful Subjects of Ireland with that great Improvement of our Conſtitution, the Act for limiting the Duration of Parliaments.

We truſt the Proteſtant Intereſt has already experienced its ſalutary Effects, and we are happy in the Conſideration, that his Excellency, our preſent chief Governor, that faithful Servant of the Crown, and affectionate Friend to this Country, who has the Satisfaction of Meeting, in Obedience to your Majeſty's Commands, the firſt Parliament, limited in its Duration, that ever aſſembled in this Kingdom, hath, through your Majeſty's Goodneſs to your People here, been continued amongſt us, not only to be a joyful Witneſs of thoſe happy Effects, but to afford us the welcome Opportunity of conveying, through him, to your Majeſty, our Thanks for that invaluable Benefit, which, by your Majeſty's Grace and Favour, he was made the happy Inſtrument of conferring upon us.

We ſhould be unworthy of the many gracious Marks which we have experienced of your Majeſty's paternal Regard, if it did not animate our Deliberations,

Deliberations, and direct them to all such Measures as may secure the Continuance of those Blessings which we enjoy.

Interested, as we are, in the domestic Happiness of your Majesty, and your Royal and most excellent Consort, and in whatever contributes to the Strength of your illustrious House, we have received, with the sincerest Pleasure, the Communication of an Increase of your Royal Family, since the last Session of Parliament, by the Birth of another Princess.

As we are taught, by the Examples of the wisest Nations, as well as by the Nature and Reason of Things, that Times of Peace are the best Seasons for improving the Civil Polity of a Nation, and providing for its Security; we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall not be regardless of the Opportunity which Providence is now pleased to favour us with.

Permit us, Royal Sir, further to assure your Majesty, that, in all our Consultations, upon those great and national Objects which have been recommended to us in his Excellency's Speech from the Throne, we will proceed with that Diligence and Unanimity which Matters of such high Importance require, and which may procure to us, what we most ardently wish to obtain, a Continuance of your Majesty's favourable Countenance and Approbation.

Wm. Watts Gayer,
Edw. Gayer, } Cler'. Parliamentor'.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I Will forthwith transmit this dutiful and loyal Address to be laid before His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, in Parliament assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our firm Attachment to your sacred Person, Royal Family, and Government.

We beg Leave to express the justest Sentiments of Duty and Affection to your Majesty, for having gratified the earnest Wishes of your faithful Subjects with that great Improvement of the Constitution, the Law for Limiting the Duration of Parliaments; the happy Effects of which begin already to appear in Strengthening and Extending the Protestant Religion in this Kingdom.

We most thankfully acknowledge the many gracious Marks we have experienced of your Majesty's paternal Regard to your Subjects of this Kingdom; the Sense of which must at all Times animate our Deliberations, and direct them to all such Measures as may secure to us the Blessings we enjoy under your auspicious Government.

Permit us to congratulate your Majesty on the further Addition to your illustrious House by the Birth of another Princess; an Event which must give the highest Satisfaction to a People so deeply interested in the Happiness of so excellent a Sovereign, adorned with every Virtue that constitutes the great King and the amiable Father of a Family.

We return our most sincere Thanks to your Majesty, for giving the first Parliament limited in Duration, an Opportunity of meeting his Excellency Lord Townshend, a Chief Governor, under whose Administration we obtained that excellent Law; from whose Experience of our Loyalty and Zeal, and from whose mild and prudent Government, we have the highest Expectations, that the Honour of the Crown and the Liberties of the People will be duly attended to.

The great Affection which your loyal and faithful Commons of Ireland have ever testified for your sacred Person, and the Succession of your illustrious House, will always induce them, to the utmost of their Abilities, to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the Support of your Majesty's Government, and the Safety of this Kingdom.

Fully sensible that Times of Peace are the best Seasons for improving the Civil Polity, and providing for the Security of a Nation, and that the Strength and Riches of a Country must be in Proportion to the Number of its industrious Inhabitants, and the Purity of their Morals; we assure your Majesty, that we shall be particularly attentive to that useful and charitable Institution, the Protestant Charter Schools, so as that the same shall be rendered as advantageous as possible to this Country; and that we shall, to the utmost of our Power, promote and extend the Linen Manufacture of this Kingdom, and provide such further Laws as may be necessary to prevent the pernicious Practice of the clandestine Running of Goods: And that in these and all our other Consultations we shall endeavour to proceed with that Unanimity and Wisdom, which Matters of such high Importance require.

E. Sterling,
H. Alcock, } Cler. Dom. Com.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Will take the first Opportunity to transmit this loyal and affectionate Address to be laid before His Majesty.

To his Excellency George Lord Viscount Townshend, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland,

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliment assembled.

May it pleese your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, do, with the utmost Satisfaction, offer your Excellency our sincerest Thanks for your most excellent Speech from the Throne.

We beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that we consider it as a great Proof of His Majesty's Goodness to us, that He hath been pleased to continue your Excellency our Chief Governor to meet us in this first Parliament limited in its Duration, that ever assembled in this Kingdom.

We cannot but have observed, in the Course of your Excellency's Residence amongst us, how much your Excellency's Thoughts and Endeavours have been employed to acquire a true Knowledge of the Circumstances, Affairs, and true Interests of this Country, from whence, and from a Reflection upon the Integrity with which you have served His Majesty, and the eminent Services which you have done your Country in the great Stations to which you have been called, we have the most pleasing Hopes and fairest Prospect, that your Excellency's Administration here will proceed in such a Manner, as to render it throughout Glorious to His Majesty, Honourable to yourself, and most propitious and fortunate to this Kingdom.

Your Benevolence and Affection for us, manifested by the many Instances which you have given us of it, inspire us with an earnest Desire to render your Government as easy to yourself as so arduous and important a Concern can be.

We beg Leave to add our Assurances to your Excellency, that all our Deliberations upon those great and important Matters, recommended to us with great Force and Energy in your Speech, shall be conducted by us in such a Manner as may recommend us to what we ever wish above all Things to obtain, His Majesty's gracious Approbation, and as may preserve to us your Excellency's favourable Opinion.

Wm. Watts Gayer,
Edw. Gayer, } Cler' Parliament'

His Excellency's Answer.

My Lords,

I AM truly sensible of the Honour you have done me by this kind and affectionate Address; and I shall flatter myself, that a constant Obedience to the just and gracious Commands of my Royal Master, and a warm Attachment to your Iuttrests and Prosperity, will continue

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to me the invaluable Poſſeſſion of your Confidence and Approbation.

To his Excellency George Lord Viſcount Townſhend, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland,

The humble Addreſs of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament aſſembled, return your Excellency our moſt humble Thanks for your moſt excellent Speech from the Throne, and beg Leave at the ſame Time to expreſs our ſincere and hearty Congratulation on this Parliament being appointed to meet your Excellency, under whoſe Adminiſtration this Kingdom has been made happy in the Acquiſition of that great Improvement to our Conſtitution, the Law for Limiting the Duration of Parliaments; and as we are the firſt Parliament which has ever aſſembled in this Kingdom in Conſequence of that Law, we conſider it as a particular Mark of His Majeſty's Goodneſs, that He has been pleaſed to give us this Opportunity of aſſuring your Excellency, that we entertain the juſteſt Senſe of and Gratitude for your Excellency's effectual Endeavours in Favour of that Meaſure, among the many happy Effects of which the Encreaſe and Strengthening of the Proteſtant Intereſt begin already to take Place.

When we reflect on this, and the many other convincing Proofs which this Kingdom has received of your Excellency's true Regard to its Welfare and Happineſs, we have the fulleſt Confidence that under your Excellency's Adminiſtration, the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, and the juſt Rights and Liberties of the People, will be maintained and protected.

We beg Leave to aſſure your Excellency, that we ſhall chearfully concur in granting ſuch Supplies as ſhall be neceſſary for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, and the Safety and Welfare of this Kingdom.

We return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your having been pleaſed to inform us that the Exigencies of Government have required only a very moderate Uſe to be made of that confidential Credit which was granted by the laſt Parliament; and we are thoroughly ſatisfied, that during your Excellency's Adminiſtration, the ſame Attention to the publick Œconomy will continue.

We ſhall not neglect the favourable Opportunity which this Time of Peace affords us to attend to thoſe Objects which your Excellency has been pleaſed to recommend to us; and as we are fully confident, that the Strength and Riches of a Country are in Proportion to the Number, Induſtry and good Morals, of the Inhabitants, we ſhall uſe our utmoſt Endeavours to make that uſeful and charitable Inſtitution, the Proteſtant Charter Schools, effectually correſpond with its original Deſign and great End.

The Linen Manufacture is an Object which ſhall always engage our earneſt Attention, and it ſhall be our Care, as far as in us lies, to preſerve that important Branch of our Trade in its fulleſt Credit and Extent.

We ſhall take into our moſt ſerious Conſideration, what further Laws may be neceſſary, to prevent the clandeſtine Running of Goods; a Practice ſo injurious to the publick Revenue, and detrimental to the fair Trader.

We beg Leave to return our warmeſt Acknowledgements to your Excellency, for the Affection you have been pleaſed to expreſs for this Kingdom; and to aſſure your Excellency, that we, on our Part, ſhall make it our Study in all our Conſultations, to proceed with that Unanimity which your Excellency has been pleaſed to recommend to us.

E. Sterling,
H. Alcock, } Cler. Dom. Com.

His Excellency's Anſwer.

I am extremely obliged to the Houſe of Commons for this kind Addreſs, which gives me the greater Satisfaction, as it follows your Experience of my Conduct during a Reſidence of two Years in this Kingdom.

I cannot, however, but impute a great Part of this Honour to the Reſpect which His Majeſty's faithful Commons of Ireland have, upon every Occaſion, expreſſed for the high Commiſſion His Majeſty has placed in my Hands.

Be aſſured, Gentlemen, that I ſhall endeavour by a ſteady, and I hope, diſintereſted Attention, to the true Service of this Kingdom, and by a juſt Repreſentation of the conſtant and unſhaken Loyalty of the People of Ireland, to preſerve your Approbation and Confidence.

Liſbon, September 23. His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Brazil has been confined to his Apartment for ſome Days paſt with a Diſorder in his Legs.

Victualling-Office, October 20, 1769.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday next the 27th Inſtant, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (ſealed up) and treat for Six Hundred Oxen, and Three Thouſand Two Hundred Hogs, for Sea Store for the Port of London; the Oxen not to weigh leſs than Seven Hundred Weight, nor the Hogs leſs than One Hundred Weight each.

And all Perſons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the ſaid Occaſion, are deſired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that ſhall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the ſaid 27th Inſtant.

Victualling-Office, October 20, 1769.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 3d of November next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (ſealed up) and treat for Three Hundred Oxen and One Thouſand Hogs, for Sea Store for the Port of Portſmouth: Alſo for Three Hundred Oxen and One Thouſand Hogs for the Port of Plymouth.

And all Perſons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the ſaid Occaſion, are deſired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that ſhall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the ſaid 3d of November next.

Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office.

The Directors give Notice, that a General Meeting of the Members of this Society, will be held at their Office in Angel-Court on Snow-Hill, on Friday the 10th Day of November next, at Three in the Afternoon.

N. B. The Election of Directors for the Year enſuing, by Ballot, will be held on the Monday, Tueſday, and Wedneſday preceding, from Nine in the Forenoon to Twelve, and from Three to Six in the Afternoon.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Benjamin Aſterly and George Gun Munro, of Wandſworth in the County of Surry, Callico Printers, Dealers and Chapmen and Copartners, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupts Eſtate, on Tueſday the 31ſt Day of October inſtant, at Twelve of the Clock at Noon, at the Rainbow Coffee-houſe in Cornhill, London, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity for the Recovery of or concerning the ſaid Bankrupts Eſtate; or to the compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter in Diſpute relating thereto; and on other very ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Mary Spriggs, late of Huntingdon in the County of Huntingdon, Dealer and Chapwoman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, on Monday the 30th of October inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Houſe of Henry Grant, Innholder, at the Sign of the Crown in Huntingdon in the ſaid County of Huntingdon, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity touching or concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; or compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe compromiſing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors of John Fremantle, formerly of Leiceſter-Fields in the Pariſh of St. Ann Soho in the Liberty of Weſtminſter and County of Middleſex, late of Hampſtead in the ſaid County, Eſq; diſcharged out of His Majeſty's Priſon of the Fleet, London, by virtue of a late Act of Parliament made for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid John Fremantle's Real and Perſonal Eſtate and Effects, on Saturday the 4th Day of November next, at